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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

MAN BITES DOG

There's an old saying that it's not news when a dog bites a man, but it is when a man bites a dog.

In other words, it's the unusual, unique or precedent-shattering event that makes newshounds jump.

U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel is certainly to be praised for his outspoken attack on right wing "hate groups" on the floor of the Senate.

But it should be pointed out that:

- Many Democrats, unionists and other liberals have been attacking the radical right "with vigah" for some time.

- These defenders of democracy have included President Kennedy and California's Democratic Senator Clair Engle, who lashed out at a series of Los Angeles bombings but attracted the attention of only a few labor newspapers.

- Perhaps Republican Kuchel's attack made news (and editorial fodder) for the Republican press because it was so unusual for a Republican to condemn his brother Republicans — i.e., the man-bites-dog theory.

And finally, how come nobody has suggested that Kuchel may be running for something other than the Senate, such as the Republican nomination for governor (against Rafferty?) in 1966 or even President or Vice President in 1964?

WHERE WERE WE?

Labor has traditionally been the champion of the underdog, if we are to believe our own propaganda.

Where was the labor movement in Birmingham last week? And a recent issue of "The Pioneer," the Alameda County State College paper, reports that the Student Council voted 8-1 to send \$50 to help feed 22,000 starving Negroes denied federal surplus food by Mississippi officials.

How many unions have done anything like this?

On a tour of the West last week, Negro author James Baldwin said:

"What is happening in Birmingham now can be happening this summer in Detroit or any Northern city — including this one. . . . It's certainly going to happen unless some changes are made."

Where will the unions be if it does?

Wilkin re-elected

Harris Wilkin, president of Retail Clerks 870, has been re-elected president of the State Council of Retail Clerks.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Janitorial strike won by BSEIU Local 18

License law enforcement BTC target

Better enforcement and tightening of loopholes in the Contractors' State Licensing Law are being sought by the Building Trades Council.

The council voted to thank Assemblyman Carlos Bee (D-Hayward) for his subcommittee's

PREVAILING WAGES

In last week's Building Trades Council story, the Oakland Board of Education and Oakland Housing Authority were listed as not paying prevailing construction industry wages. This was incorrect.

action in approving the budget of the Contractors' State License Board without cuts.

This will help prevent weakening in enforcement of the law, said J. L. Childers, business representative.

Delegates also heard a report from Childers last week that amendments to the law to make it more effective will be worked out after this session of the Legislature by unions and a contractors' group.

Two bills regarding bonding of contractors are being backed by the State Building Trades Council this year and have passed the Assembly.

They would require contractors to post \$1,000 bonds to renew their licenses. Contractors whose licenses have been suspended or revoked would be required to post bonds of \$3,000-\$10,000.

CONTRACTOR PICKETED

In his report to delegates, Childers said the only job being picketed was one operated by James Flores at 11th Avenue and East 14th Street.

Flores, Childers said, had once been an official of the Scrap Iron Workers.

MILLMEN'S BILL

Assembly Bill 2287, backed by the Millmen and the State

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Hearing on Strikebreaker bill delayed to May 22

An Assembly Industrial Relations Committee hearing on the bill to curb use of professional strikebreakers (A.B. 1938) has been postponed until May 22.

The hearing was formerly scheduled for May 8. Author of the measure is Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D-East Oakland).



JAMES YEE, center, is one of 250 apprentices who will receive completion certificates at annual ceremonies of the Greater East Bay Joint Apprenticeship Council June 8 at Goodman's Jack London Hall. Inspecting final touches of Yee's double offset project are Elias L. (Al) Arellano, left, business representative, Sheet Metal Workers 216, and secretary of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, and Blythe Williams, right, JAC chairman and secretary-treasurer of the Furnace Dealers and Sheet Metal Contractors of Northern California.

CORE will picket Montgomery Ward in East Oakland

Oakland and Berkeley chapters of the Congress of Racial Equality announced plans to picket the Montgomery Ward store at 29th Avenue and East 14th Street starting Saturday.

CORE accused Montgomery Ward of "token integration" in both East Oakland and San Leandro. It said a four month investigation showed only one per cent of jobs above the level of custodian and kitchen helpers held by Negroes.

NEGOTIATION ATTEMPTS

Spokesmen for CORE described negotiation attempts and said they had recommended equal opportunity policies, including hiring of 140 more non-white employees during the next seven months.

They said management denial that anything was wrong left CORE no alternative except picketing, boycotts and appeals for public support.

CORE asked citizens to cancel charge accounts and to contact the store, asking for equal employment policies. Unless there is a last minute agreement, picketing is to start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Douglas Jones and Rosalyn Leonard are CORE chairmen.

Ash, Groulx, Amundson give reports to CLC

Do 900 people really control the United States?

This was the claim of two speakers at a Religion and Labor Foundation conference in San Anselmo last weekend, according to Norman Amundson, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

The general feeling was there wasn't much that could be done about it, either, Amundson told council delegates Monday night.

He also quoted Assistant State Attorney General Wallace Howland that political considerations often prompt softening of anti-trust actions which would break up power concentrations.

Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx reported that one reason the ILWU defeated the Textile Workers at F. Burkart Manufacturing Co. was the ILWU's claim it was ahead and needed an overwhelming vote to show unity in negotiations. Groulx thanked 30 unionists who showed up for a pre-election rally.

Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash reported he would probably ask for another extension of time May 27 to persuade more unions to pay full per capita tax.

Dispute ends in victory after 4 days

As the East Bay Labor Journal was going to press the Building Service Employees Union, Local 18, 4-day-old strike against two major janitorial firms in the East Bay area ended in complete victory for the union when the dispute was halted Tuesday night. Further details will be published in next week's Labor Journal.

Building Service Employees 18 was on strike against two major janitorial firms in the East Bay this week.

Local 18's pickets remained at Oakland offices and San Francisco headquarters of the American Building Maintenance Co.

Secretary-Business Representative W. Douglas Geldert announced Tuesday picketing would start at California Building Maintenance Co.

Several firms have signed contracts with Local 18 since the strike started.

Allied Maintenance Corp., the nation's largest and a \$65 million corporation, signed a union agreement after the strike was called but before pickets reached its offices last Friday. Commercial Building Maintenance Co. signed Tuesday.

Smaller contractors who have signed, according to Geldert, include: Bratton, Bright, Certified, Crosetti-Musante, Diamond, Meghetto, Pozzi, Pyramid and United.

WAGES, JOB CLAUSE

Issues include wages, a holiday on Veterans Day and a new

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Unionists invited to social security talk

William B. Hayward, district manager, U.S. Social Security Administration, will address meetings for Central Labor Council delegates and stewards and other members of affiliated unions at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23.

Both meetings will be held in Hall G of the Labor Temple.

They will be designed to acquaint unionists with social security benefits and how to obtain them. There will be a question period and an opportunity for individuals to consult with Hayward.

HOW TO BUY

Easy credit: double danger!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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Today's easier credit with its helpful new trend to lower interest rates, also means longer credit.

Some auto dealers are now offering terms as long as 48 months. Such long terms pose a double danger of overloading families with more installment debts than they should carry and increasing their finance costs.

If you pay off a \$2,000 balance on a moderate price car in 30 months at a finance charge of \$6 per \$100 a year (approximately a true 12 per cent per annum), your finance charge will be \$300.

But if you are persuaded to buy a higher price car, leaving, say, a \$2,800 balance, with the argument that your monthly payments will be approximately the same, and you take 42 months to pay, your finance charge will total \$588.

You will also have to pay more for the collision insurance finance companies require to protect their equity (but not necessarily credit unions and banks).

BANKERS themselves are getting worried about the increase in personal or wage earner bankruptcies. Last year again, personal bankruptcies reached another new record high.

Easy credit is not the only reason why people get into such money jams. But it is one of the leading ones, Linn K. Twinn, chairman of the American Bar Association's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, told the Installment Credit Committee of the American Bankers Association.

Twinn charged retailers are chiefly responsible for the 450 per cent increase in wage earner bankruptcies in the past ten years.

Judging from bankruptcy cases, a family reaches a risky point when it takes on installment payments totaling more than 20 per cent of income. Estes Snedecor, Oregon bankruptcy referee, found that bankrupts generally had incurred debts requiring monthly payments of from one-third to one-half their monthly income.

Twinn listed these reasons for rising bankruptcies:

- **Debtor's optimism**—He does not plan ahead, and so takes on more obligations than he can meet.

- **Severe garnishee laws**—In some states, especially California, Illinois, Ohio and Oregon, garnishee laws take a large part of a debtor's wages and thus induce him to escape through bankruptcy. In other states, deficiency judgments may lead to a similar squeeze.

- **A delinquent debtor** may owe \$2,000 on a car, have it repossessed, find that it brought only a few hundred dollars on the forced resale and that he has been charged with legal costs, too, and so still owes, say \$1,300. He may then see bankruptcy as the only way out.

- **Too abundant credit** granted by careless dealers—The current long car loans are an example. A family that buys a car this month on a four year loan, will still be paying for it in 1967. After three years of paying, the car—assuming it was worth \$2,500 new—will be worth only about \$900. But the family may still owe about \$1,000 including the balance of the finance and insurance fees.

- **Decrease in income** due to loss of job or reduction in overtime work, is another frequent cause of financial problems leading to bankruptcies.

Shirley Camper Soman, family life consultant of the Family Service Association of America, has observed that during good times, families tend to rely on overtime pay, especially younger ones who have had little previous experience with recessions.

- **Sickness**—One study showed that actually one-third of indebtedness listed in personal bankruptcies consisted of medical bills.

- **Marital difficulties** and other misfortunes were the main cause of one of eight personal financial failures, a Yale University study showed. This group of disasters included divorce, alimony and medical and funeral bills.

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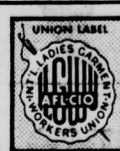


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No-price car ads hit by BBB

A recent check of classified advertisements for used cars showed a number of dealers listed only the monthly payments.

Neither the full price nor the number of payments needed were listed, according to the Oakland Better Business Bureau.

These dealers were notified that they were in violation of the Recommended Standards of Practice for Advertising and Selling Automobiles.

The standards were adopted by the National Automobile Dealers Association and the National Association of Better Business Bureaus.

Foran bill

A bill to stop levying of "deficiency judgments" on goods repossessed by creditors has been approved by the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee and sent to the Assembly floor.

The bill is strongly backed by the State AFLCIO. It is by Assemblyman John Francis Foran (D-San Francisco).

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Bay prices hit all-time high

Bay Area consumer prices hit an all-time high in March.

All major expense groups except personal care and apparel registered increases since the last check in December, according to the regional office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food prices rose 1.2 per cent, mostly because of a big jump in prices of fruit and vegetables due to the cold snaps in Southern California and Florida.

Some leveling-off of food prices as a group was reported between February and March due to lower prices of meats and some other items.

Housing costs were up four-tenths of one per cent. Transportation costs rose three-tenths of one per cent, mostly due to higher costs of auto insurance, gasoline and auto repairs. Medical costs increased seven-tenths of one per cent. Reading and recreation costs were up eight-tenths of one per cent.

Over-all consumer costs, based on San Francisco prices, were up six-tenths of one per cent since December, one per cent since March, 1962, and 19.1 per cent since March, 1962, and 19.1 per cent since March, 1953.

Easter egg

The rooster in the farmyard was roaming around on Easter morning and came on a collection of brilliantly colored Easter eggs the farmer had hidden for his children. The rooster didn't know this, of course. He raced back to the pen and beat up the peacock. — The Carpenter.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

TV AND AUTO repair frauds are the targets of two bills pending in the Legislature.

Both are supported by honest repairmen.

Both require all dealers to register. But they do not require licensing. Licensing has been found to be more of a drawback than a protection, according to the Association of California Consumers.

The bills set up special enforcing agencies. Costs will be borne by registration fees paid by dealers. There will be no added drain on the state budget.

Instead of waiting for complaints to come in, the enforcing agencies will be directed to make spot checks.

The enforcing agency for TV repair will be under the State Department of Professional and Vocational Standards. Enforcement of the auto repair law will be by an agency under the Department of Motor Vehicles.

THE TV repair bill has a special feature requiring dealers to return replaced parts to the customer. This is to stop the racket of reselling parts.

Repair dealers will be forbidden to pay employees on the basis of how many parts they replace. They will also be required to stick to estimates made, unless the customer agrees otherwise.

OF SPECIAL interest in the auto repair bill is a clause allowing speedy, informal adjustment of complaints by the enforcing agency, instead of expensive court action.

PASSAGE of both bills depends more than usually on how much public support is expressed for them, according to the consumers association, which urges letters to legislators on them.

You should write your own assemblyman and state senator; authors of the bills, and members of the committees to which they have been assigned.

The auto repair bill (Assembly Bill 2348) is by Assemblymen Tom Carrell and Joe Kennick, both Los Angeles Democrats and has been assigned to the Committee on Transportation and Commerce.

The TV repair bill (Senate Bill 1292) is by Senator Alan Short, Stockton Democrat.

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U.C. plans annual Industrial Relations Conference in S.F.

"The Public Interest in Labor Relations" is the theme of the 1963 Industrial Relations Conference of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations.

The conference will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco May 28.

Speakers and panelists and their topics are scheduled to include:

Jack T. Conway, executive assistant to the president, AFLCIO Industrial Union Department, "Ideological Obsolescence in Collective Bargaining."

Paul Hall, president, Seafarers International Union, and J. Paul St. Sure, president, Pacific Maritime Association, "The Pros and Cons of Compulsory Arbitration."

William G. Caples, vice-president, Inland Steel Co., "New Responsibilities of Management and Labor."

Harry Pollard, labor economist; J. Keith Mann, professor of law, Stanford University and Herbert Messer, supervisor of wage and salary administration, Kaiser Industries, "Frontier Areas of Industrial Relations," and

David L. Cole, member, President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy, "The Quest for Industrial Peace."

Arthur M. Ross, institute director, will preside.

Ceremello wields gavel

Peter J. Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, was elected temporary chairman at last week's Central Labor Council meeting in the absence of President Russell Crowell, First Vice President Pat Sander and Second Vice President Tom Anderson.

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BODEGA PICNIC

Those who want to see Bodega Head, site of the proposed atomic power plant, are invited to join a picnic from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

PG&E is already building roads and making other excavations, according to the sponsoring Northern California Association to Preserve Bodega Head and Harbor.

Bring your own lunch. Turn off of U.S. 101 at the Bodega Bay sign near Petaluma. Follow the Bodega Highway. The picnic will be at the Sonoma County Park (Doran Park) sandspit just before you enter the community of Bodega Bay.

Franklin dies; was Local 302 official

Funeral services were held last Friday in Edmonds, Wash., for William E. Franklin, who was business agent of Milk Wagon Drivers 302 from 1934-39 and secretary-treasurer from 1939-44.

Franklin died in Seattle May 7. He was 62.

Retaining his membership in Local 302, Franklin became director of the Western States Dairy Council in 1944.

In 1957, he was elected secretary-treasurer of the Western Conference of Teamsters. He served until poor health forced his retirement in January.

Survivors include his wife, Mae, and a son and two daughters.

Franklin played a major role in organizing the dairy industry in California, according to Al Brown, Local 302's present secretary-treasurer.

New delegates

Two new delegates were seated by the Central Labor Council May 6: James Lee, Laundry Workers 2, and Ruthella Pollard, Textile Workers 1378.

Steamfitters Union holds graduation dinner

Eight apprentices receive certificates

Graduation exercises were held May 4th at the Edgewater Inn, Oakland, for Steamfitters Local Union No. 342, with some 90 guests in attendance.

They included the parents of the eight graduating apprentices and the Joint Committee of the National Joint Steamfitters-Pipefitters Apprenticeship Committee, which was holding committee meetings in San Francisco.

Ernest Boyer, recording secretary of Local 342, acted as master of ceremonies, introducing the apprentices and guests.

Charles F. Hanna, chief of the State Division of Apprenticeship, addressed the graduating apprentices and guests and presented the apprentices with certificates of completion.

Merle West presented the Fifth Year Local Contest winner, Wayne Perryman, and the Fourth Year Local Contest winner, John Julson, with \$150 U.S. Savings Bonds.

Business Manager James Martin, in behalf of the union's Board of Trustees, presented the graduating apprentices with pairs of gold cuff links.

Martin J. Ward, assistant secretary of the United Association; Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald, Martin and Hanna all addressed the gathering, which enjoyed a dinner and entertainment.



GRADUATION exercises were held for Steamfitters 342 apprentices May 4. Those present included: Front row, from left, James Martin, recording secretary, NJSPAC, and business manager, Local 342; Thomas J. Murray, vice-chairman, NJSPAC, and president, Local 638; J. N. Scanlon, chairman, NJSPAC; Joseph Corcoran, secretary-treasurer, NJSPAC; Dan MacDonald, apprenticeship coordinator, 11 Western States; Walter C. Schukai, assistant treasurer, NJSPAC. Second row, Doyle Williams, Harlan West, Milton Burley, Ronald Smith, Lawrence Schwab, William Sadler, Samuel Stevenson, Milton J. Ward, assistant secretary-treasurer of the United association and committee member. Top row, Clifford Priestly, committee member and general organizer; Fred E. Wendel, committee member; William M. O'Brien, committee member and business manager, Local 476; Ed C. Williams, committee member, and E. T. Winburn, committee member and business manager, Local 177.

Special acknowledgement was given to graduating Apprentice Milton Burley by Apprenticeship

Coordinator MacDonald, who stated that Brother Burley finished fifth in the international contest held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. in 1962.

Negro unemployment tops 11% in Bay Area, report says

A study presented by Marc W. Johnson, coastal area manager, State Department of Employment, to the Advisory Committee on Minority Group Problems last week showed:

- When 5½ per cent of the Bay Area labor force was job-

less, non-white employment topped 11 per cent.

- The average Negro gets two years less schooling than others.

- Negroes account for 1 in 4 adults with under four years' schooling.

- Federal and state govern-

ments offer Negroes their best chances for jobs.

- The average Negro earns \$1,000 less a year.

Johnson said Negroes must be trained for jobs now in demand, and all occupations must be opened to them.



Loans for better smiles

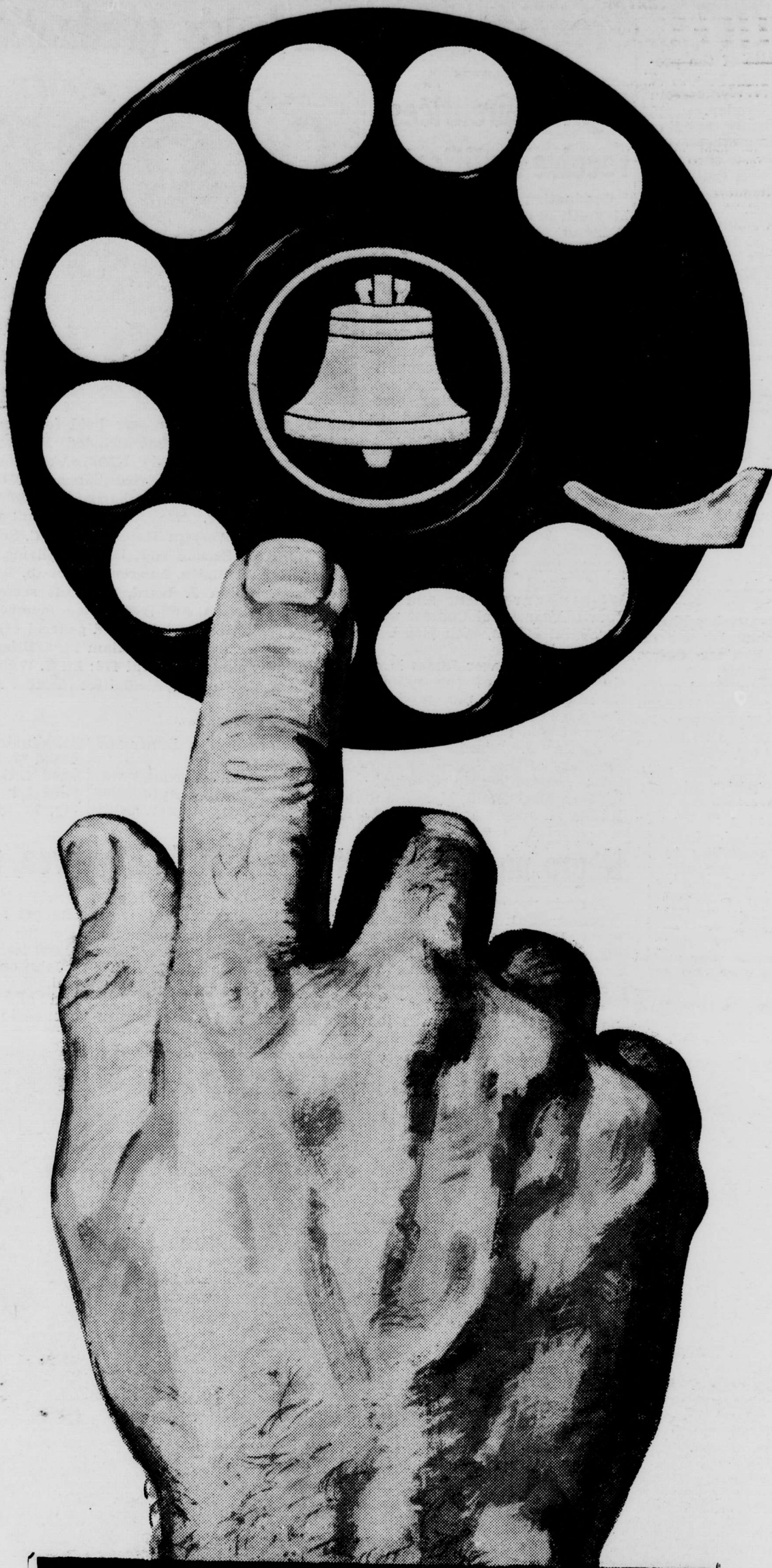
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It's been reported that safety procedures at jobs that require climbing ladders and scaffolds are somewhat lacking. Carrying carpet, strip, padding, linoleum, tile or even tools up shaky ladders, scaffolds or walking across planks is not what you would call very safe. Taking a chance on doing something you as a mechanic are not supposed to do could be very disastrous. These materials are difficult enough to handle up proper stairs. Remember, safety first. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Please submit business with your Joint Apprenticeship Committee at their regular meetings which henceforth will be held on the first and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at the Penn Building, 354 21st St., Room 325.

Look for us again shortly.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Hi. Sorry we missed our report last week. Circumstances beyond our control interfered. Like inertia. Must be contagious. Many members are missing meetings. Some of us are missing other things, too. The struggle for equality by Negro Americans, for instance. Disparaging remarks concerning the plight of Negroes, by individuals not subjected to the indignities of second class citizenship, are indicative of shallow thinking. Lip service to American ideals, without application of American principles, is purest hypocrisy.

This nation was founded on a desire for liberty and justice for all. Our Constitution is based on the proposition that all men are created equal. All citizens are granted certain inalienable rights. The large issue of state's rights cannot be allowed to subvert the larger issue of human rights.

If one segment of society is denied justice, all segments are in jeopardy. To protect the entire structure, a weak segment must be strengthened. The strengthening has been a long time coming. It's closer now than at any time in the past 100 years. Liberty and justice for all, that is.

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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special order of business at our regular meeting on June 4, 1963, at 9 p.m. to act on the question of contributing fifteen cents (15c) per member to the Educational Fund of the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League for 1963 from the General Fund of Lodge No. 1546.

Fraternally,
DON CROSMAN
Recording Secretary

LINOLEUM LAYERS 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers, Local 1290, will be held Thursday, May 23rd, Hall D, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. There will be nomination of officers.

Please attend.
Fraternally,
GLENN A. MCINTIRE
Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 16th, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. When you came to our meetings, you gave us a lift. Without your attendance, we just drift.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA
Acting Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of your local, May 23, 1963, is a special called meeting to vote on our B.A. candidates to be sent to the D.C. 16 B.A. election. The candidates are M. Edwards, L. Kessell and S. Caponlo. Two are to be elected. Come down and vote.

The Labor Journal is the official notice of all special meetings.

Fraternally,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

Nomination of candidates for election of officers of Millmen's Union 550 will be held at the next regular meeting Friday, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The election of officers will be held in June.

The installation of officers will be held at the first meeting in July.

Only members in good standing in Millmen 550 for the previous 12 months, and members of the Brotherhood of Carpenters for at least three years, are eligible for nomination. Members who are employers or foremen (contracting members) or who no longer work at the trade are not eligible to hold office.

Fraternally,
JAMES MORRISON
President
JACK ARCHIBALD
Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 1963, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
Secretary-Treasurer

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 1963, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. The next regular holiday for Plumbers will be Thursday, May 30, 1963 (Memorial Day).

Please make an earnest effort to attend this meeting. Your union meetings are an important part of your union membership.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. May 21 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Please be advised that under Article 12, Section 4, of the District Council Bylaws, Local Union 1176 is entitled to nominate one of its members for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the District Council, such nominations to be filed with the District Council not later than the last day of May in any election year. Therefore, nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the District Council will be called for at the meeting of this local union on Tuesday evening, May 21.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Again another double date Friday night, May 17. The special meeting is to nominate candidates for local offices and delegates to our various affiliates. Election will be at a later special meeting. You will get a postcard notice as well as a Journal notice.

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Those interested contact Brother Herb Wilde at 22869 Grand Street, Hayward, Phone 537-6556 or the office.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER
Recording Secretary

BARBERS 134

ELECTION NOTICE

The regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 23, 1963, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland, Calif.

State association and international convention delegates will be nominated and elected at this meeting.

The state association convention will be held July 28, 29 and 30, 1963, at Los Angeles, Calif. The international convention will be held September 9th through 13th, 1963, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Also on the agenda is final approval for the indenture in our working agreement of the Apprenticeship Program.

Dues books are required to be presented for admittance to meetings.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

This is to advise you that the last meeting of the month, and the social for that night of May 31, 1963, has been cancelled by motion on the floor, thus allowing your officers to have a long weekend.

Nominations were accepted for all the officers, delegates and committeemen of Local 1622 on Friday, May 10.

The voting to elect these candidates for a two year term will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward, Saturday, June 22, 1963. The polls open at 7 a.m. and will close promptly at 2 p.m.

Please make every effort to get in and vote for the candidates of your choice to fill the offices for a two year term.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

The Goodfellowship Club of Carpenters Local Union 1622 held its annual meeting, Saturday, April 13, 1963.

Membership into our club is purely voluntary and organized for the sole purpose of receiving immediate cash when needed the most: specifically, when our loved one passes away.

We wish to increase the membership of our club. All members of Local Union 1622 and their wives are eligible to join. The \$3.25 which is required to join is one of the best investments you can make and the cheapest of its kind.

For further information, we sincerely urge all of you to inquire at the office of Local 1622 or contact any one of the following officers:

Gus Toensing — Chairman
Erik Hoyer — Vice Chairman
Loren Auten — Trustee
Lewis Curtis — Trustee
Dwight Bisbee — Trustee
Harry Nicholson — Trustee
Dan R. Guzzi — Secretary

Fraternally,
GUS TOENSING
Chairman
Publicity Committee

S.F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at 410 11th Street Building, Oakland, on Sunday afternoon, May 19, 1963, at 1 o'clock.

Fraternally,
HORACE W. STAFFORD
Secretary

STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, May 16, 8 p.m., Union Office, Room 208, Labor Temple.

Regular union meeting Friday, May 24, 8 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD SOTO
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

A special called meeting will be held at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif., Friday, May 17, 1963, at 8 p.m. for nomination of all officers and delegates of Carpenters 36.

Election day will be June 21, 1963, with the polls open from noon to 10 p.m. at Carpenters Hall.

You are reminded that it is the duty of all Carpenters to help nominate and elect the officers and delegates of your choice to represent you for the next two years.

Fraternally,
HARRY G. YETTER
President
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The meeting of May 23, 1963, will be a special call for nominations of local union officers and delegates to serve a two year term.

Fraternally,
BEN RASNICK
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

At the next regular meeting there will be elections for two delegates to attend the Western Joint Council of Brush and Paint Makers convention, June 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1963, to be held in Oakland, Calif.

There will also be nominations for one trustee for a three (3) year term. Election for this office to be at the June meeting.

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Labor Temple, Hall A, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Date: May 21, 1963.
Nominations will be open for Executive Secretary of District Council 16.

Fraternally,
EDWARD MORGAN
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next membership meeting, to be held May 18, 1963, has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of your Negotiating Committee relative to their recommendations pertaining to the allocation of the 30 cent increase previously negotiated and with effective date of July 1, 1963.

This matter was originally scheduled to be discussed at our last membership meeting.

As this is a very important matter, kindly arrange your affairs so you may be present.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

On the last meeting in May, nominations will be held for new officers.

Elections will be held on the last meeting in June.

Make a special effort to attend both these meetings.

Fraternally,
CHARLES LEHMAN
Recording Secretary

Ross to leave director's position at U.C. Institute

Arthur M. Ross, director of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations, announced he is stepping down from that post June 30.

Ross said he will continue to serve as a professor of industrial relations and research economist. He said he is stepping down as director in order to devote more time to research on postwar industrial relations in Europe and Japan.

Civil service course

A preparation course for civil service examinations is being offered at Berkeley Evening School from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Further information may be obtained at TH 1-1587.

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Retail Clerks' Union 870

By HARRIS C. WILKIN

Smith's Clothing Co. has a history of collective bargaining with the Retail Clerks which goes back more than 50 years. In recent years they have opened new stores in Alameda County as well as other locations in the Bay Area. The conditions of the contract have always extended to new locations without question.

Recently Smith's opened a new store in the Hub Shopping Center located in Fremont, and for the first time have refused to put into effect the collective bargaining conditions which cover their employees in their other stores. Local 870 has called the company's attention to this situation, which we consider a violation of agreement, and has requested Smith's to correct the situation immediately. The company, which is being represented by Mr. Ray Vetterlein, has flatly refused to do so. At an Adjustment Board hearing last Friday, we were unable to move the company off their position, and the dispute is apparently headed for arbitration.

The disturbing factor is that the company representatives indicated that if the arbitrator should hand down a decision

which did not suit them they would probably take the matter to the NLRB or to the courts. The union is not saying that they do not have a legal right to go this route: we are simply pointing out that we believe the parties to a collective agreement are in a much better position to resolve the problems of an industry and its employees than a board or court that is not familiar with these problems and, in too many instances, couldn't care less. We suggest that no long range good effects can come out of this breakdown of a good faith relationship that has been built through many years of hard but honorable collective bargaining.

Retail Clerks' Union, Local 428, in San Jose was enjoined this past week from picketing Payless Drug, located in the Valley Fair Shopping Center. The local had been picketing Payless, which is located in the middle of the shopping center. The court by its action has forced the pickets to be moved to the perimeter of the shopping center. This action is contrary to decision by judges in Alameda County and will be appealed. It does not make much sense to us that customers, delivery drivers, building trades construction workers and everyone else can be invited into the shopping center, but if pickets appear before a tenant located in this public area they are con-

sidered trespassing. We feel that this matter should be decided at a court level that will make it binding on all areas of the state. It appears that the attorneys for the Hub Shopping Center in Fremont, who attempted to enjoin the picketing of Local 870 there, have decided to drop the appeal from the decision of Alameda County courts.

Sign Painters ink some pacts; two big holdouts

Sign Painters 878 is signing contracts with commercial shops and other firms but was still on strike against Foster & Kleiser and Naegele Outdoor Advertising this week.

Both firms refused to sign the same agreements OK'd by others in the industry, and talks have been broken off, according to Fred Bray, business agent. Picket lines are still being respected by other unions. The strike also includes areas served by Sign Painters 510, San Francisco.

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DEADLINE

Deadline for union meeting notices and columns is noon on Monday of the week of publication.

Barbers 134

By SAB CARRABELLO

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the progress we have made with your apprenticeship training program. Our committee has met three times since the adoption, and we are making strides to make this training program a reality.

We are now attempting to sign all apprentices in Alameda County for training: new apprentices, advanced apprentices and old apprentices. By old, we mean many years on an apprentice license. The apprentice barber owes it not only to himself to join these classes, but also to our union, our industry and the new barber about to enter the business. We must make room for others. We have too many apprentices laying back, not attempting to take the examination for a journeyman's license. We have now in this program an opportunity to help not only to train our people to be better barbers but also help them to pass the state examination.

There is no problem in our program that cannot be solved through our committee; Mr. Sherlock, state apprenticeship training adviser, or the Board of Education. We are at this time waiting for the Board of Education to pick our first instructor. They will choose the most qualified man from a group of applicants and are the sole judges as to who is picked. We are at this time waiting for them to pick the man. The way the situation is now, it takes seven (7) weeks to pick and credential an instructor. So by that time, summer vacation will be here, and we will have but two weeks of classes. This hardly seems practical in the eyes of the Board of Education; therefore our classes will probably start in the month of September.

We will continue to sign students and shop owners to an apprenticeship agreement. When the time arrives, we will have enough students to kick off the classes. This agreement for the apprentice and the employer is a two-way street. It protects both parties. For additional information, please contact me, your business representative and chairman of this committee.

I would like to ask all members who have not signed the minimum price list for 1963 to contact the office please, or bring your barber file number to our next meeting, May 23rd. If you are a shop owner, bring your "Barber Shop Certificate" number also. We need your help in this drive to raise our minimum price in this county. Don't stand by idly, get those numbers in or contact someone to pick them up.

Brother Tony Sgamba, whose shop is located on 98th Ave. in East Oakland, is recuperating from a heart attack in Kaiser Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and I'm sure he would like to hear from his many friends who did not know.

The annual convention of the California State Association, of which I am vice-president of the second district, will be held in Los Angeles in July. Following this convention, we will have our international convention. We need delegates, good delegates who care about their future. We want to send people to the convention who will fight for conditions we urgently need. I appeal to all barbers to come to our meeting in May and vote for these delegates. In sending people to represent us, we must always look for the caliber of man that will stand firm on conditions relating to hours and prices that have taken us so many years to achieve. The old time barber suffered through the early days fighting for conditions. We must not let them down. See you at the meeting!

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Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

The hearing on Assembly Bill 2287 was scheduled for this Wednesday.

Some very interesting angles are showing up as this campaign gets hotter, and some aren't good.

The Woodwork Institute of California has declined to endorse AB 2287. Why? The unions might try to use the legislation to their advantage in contract negotiations later. They seem dedicated to a do-nothing policy that is killing the industry.

Other employer groups have been half-hearted in their attitude toward 2287.

The main reason for this attitude is a difference in ideas about out-of-state industry. Those who are essentially promoters might be happy peddling out-of-state cabinets, or fixtures, or counter tops. They would not have the production problems, they'd warehouse a catalogue line, they'd have a large showroom for customers, and they'd sell to everyone (from 1 unit to 1,000 units). They would not only crucify us, they would run the small shops out of business.

Those employers who are essentially producers, and came up through the trade, generally look forward to independence from out-of-state cheapies and uphold a California industry.

Should AB 2287 fail to pass, we will most likely see the separation of the goodies and bad-dies.

At that point, we will have to consider whether or not to label out-of-state cabinets as "hot cargo" and boycott them. If worst comes to worst, we should fight, even though we have to openly defy the Landrum-Griffin Law.

Nominations for election of officers in 550 will be held this Friday, May 17, at our regular meeting in the Labor Temple. See notice page 5. We'll vote in June.

Notice: If an employer's pay-check bounces, notify the union at once. Be very careful about working beyond one week without pay, and be sure the union knows about it. It is not so easy to collect wage claims, and sometimes they are not paid in full. Don't let anyone gamble with your labor.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

After a very poor first three months of watch repair business this year, I have noticed a change for the better in the past ten days. I sincerely hope the general increase in business that seems to be occurring will reach our business before too long.

I am sure that all of us in the watch repair industry could certainly do with a decided improvement. Let us hope that conditions continue to improve so that we may be able to replace on jobs those members who have been looking for a job for the past few months.

Mary Brennan, wife of Patrick Brennan, who works for Behrend Jewelers in Stonestown, gave birth to another baby girl, her second, on April 30 in French Hospital, San Francisco. The new baby weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and has been named Colleen. We offer Pat and Mary our congratulations, and I am sure the new baby will grow into a fine Irish lass.

San Francisco-East Bay regular meeting: Thursday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Hall, 693 Mission St., Room 702, San Francisco.

Executive Board meeting: Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m., Union Office, Room 707, San Francisco.

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Unemployment pay for ex-government employees cut off

Federal money with which to pay unemployment insurance benefits to former employees of the U.S. Government and to former members of the Armed Forces have been exhausted and all such payments were suspended May 9, the State Department of Employment announced.

The suspension of benefit payments, however, will not apply to California state unemployment insurance claims.

The department emphasized that it is vitally important that unemployed persons who are affected by the suspension continue to report weekly in the usual manner to the department's local offices to certify to continued weeks of unemployment. Only by continuing to report can an individual be paid for suspended weeks of unemployment when money becomes available and payments are resumed. No eligible claimants will lose by this suspension provided they continue to certify.

The U.S. Department of Labor has asked Congress for a \$24 million supplemental appropriation for the balance of the fiscal year.

More \$\$ needed for Fort appeal

Harold Wilson, president of East Bay Municipal Employees 390, says the Dr. Fort Freedom Committee has collected about \$1,800 in cash and pledges.

However, current legal fees in the fight to win full political rights for civil service employees are about \$2,500.

And this doesn't include the cost of taking the case to the State District Court of Appeal, as is anticipated.

Wilson made the report to the Central Labor Council after Gunnar Benonys of Carpenters 36 reported that the District Council of Carpenters had donated \$100 to the fight and had asked its affiliated unions to make contributions, too.

The committee was set up to appeal the firing of Dr. Joel Fort, a member of Local 390, who was fired as director of the Alameda County Center for Treatment and Education on Alcoholism because he was Contra Costa County Speakers Bureau co-chairman for Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown during the 1962 campaign.

Dr. Fort is still on the job pending the appeal, which is expected to affect large numbers of civil service employees in and out of Alameda County, whose political rights are restricted to voting and private conversation under present laws.

COPE area conference for S.F. May 28-29

The annual area conference of the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education for California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii will be held May 28 and 29 at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

The 1962 elections will be analyzed. Planning sessions will be held for the 1964 campaign.

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Janitors strike for higher pay, holiday, anti-cutthroat clause

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clause to prevent cutting of man-hours when a contractor takes over a job.

The new clause to stop underbidding by cutting man-hours has split employers, according to Geldert.

He said many feel it is time somebody stabilized the industry, because "over the past 25 years the contractors have not been able to standardize or control those firms that are just out to make a fast dollar by abusing the workers or skinning the customers."

Such firms, Geldert added, use "super salesmen" to sell their services to customers who already have janitors on their payrolls.

The salesmen stress "better supervision, modern equipment, better trained employees, etc. But when they get the jobs, 90 per cent of the time they lay off workers and/or cut the man-hours," Geldert said.

SERVICES CUT

And instead of offering trained workers and better supervision, they "find ways to cut the service to get double use out of the janitor," Geldert said. Many don't even call the union to obtain trained workers. for six hours and another customer for two hours.

Geldert cited the case of a janitor who formerly worked eight hours for one customer. When a contractor took over, he worked for the same customer

"The first customer can thus be paying for time not performed, and the profit goes to the contractor," Geldert pointed out.

Instead of providing adequate supervision, Geldert also charged, such janitorial contractors "sit back and wait for complaints. Then they rush around, blame the poor overworked janitor and promise to fix up the complaint at once."

In such cutthroat competition, Geldert said, this kind of contractor then goes on to other customers, "skimming off the profits and making a bad name for the good contractors."

This is why many contractors like the position the union has taken, Geldert said, adding that the firms being picketed are the ones who want to continue the old practice.

"They are the ones that are screaming when the lid of the cookie jar is slammed down on their greedy hands while they are filling their cash registers with the spoils from both the customers and our union members," Geldert concluded.

BTC probes ways to improve contractor law, enforcement

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Building Trades Council, was scheduled for a committee hearing this week, Childers said.

Although prospects for Assembly passage are pretty good, a tough fight is ahead in the State Senate, he told delegates.

The bill would require that millwork purchased by public agencies in California be obtained from California firms or companies paying California prevailing wages.

It would prevent situations such as the Millmen have been fighting at Alameda County State College.

The council voted to give all possible support to the Retail

Clerks in their dispute with Payless Stores and to mail boycott literature to members of the Building Trades.

Harris Wilkin, president of Retail Clerks 870, told the BTC Executive Board April 30 that Payless is not paying prevailing wages. All its stores are non-union as far as the Clerks are concerned except the one on Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, Wilkin said.

BOWLING TEAM

Harry Hermann, Hayward Painters 1178, reported his union has started a bowling team and is ready to start playing any time the council gets its league up.



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Amundson, Brown elected to Pacific Hospital board

Norman Amundson, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, and Al Brown, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers 302, have been elected to the Board of Trustees of Pacific Hospital.

The new hospital, at Fairfax and Courtland avenues, Oakland, has announced that one of its aims will be to reduce costs to patients.

Teen-age job program at Peter Maurin House

How the North Richmond Neighborhood House tackles teenage job and other problems will be discussed by Dan Daniels at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Peter Maurin House, 1487 7th Street, Oakland. The program is open to the public.

Henry Anderson, former assistant director of the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, will speak May 24.

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Business magazine has good words for unions

"Labor Unions Are Worth the Price" is the title of a long article by Max Ways in the May issue of Fortune, the slick businessman's magazine which sells for \$1 a copy.

In this case, don't consider the source. The article has much more good than bad to say about U.S. unionism. It blasts some of the phony ideas advanced by the enemies of labor. Its theme is that collective bargaining is in peril and that government compulsion would be far worse for both labor and management.

Ways tells of the public "indignation" over strikes in 1962 and early 1963. He notes that "an extraordinary degree of labor peace prevailed" when these strikes were settled, but few people noticed it. Instead, they started worrying about future strikes. Time lost during strikes was down in 1962 and was "doubtless less than the cost of the common cold or the common hangover," Ways says. But this didn't satisfy the public. Ways cites the fact that hundreds of collective bargaining contracts are signed each month without strikes. He emphasizes that the right to strike must be there for true collective bargaining to be effective. And he warns that too much dependence upon the federal government by either labor or management will lead to compulsion — which will mean the end of free collective bargaining.

This — not the right-to-workers or the McClellans — is the biggest threat to unionism today, Ways says. Three things make this danger more acute:

- The Cold War, with increased emphasis on production and national security.
- The "activism" of the Kennedy Administration, which makes the public expect even more government interference in labor disputes, and
- The "rift" between labor and liberal intellectuals.

Ways feels intellectuals sided with unions in the '30's because "unions were deemed hostile to the market economy." Since then, the liberals have become more interested in "the national strength" and "the national growth rate." And they have realized that U.S. unions are firmly wedded to the free enterprise system. Now these same intellectuals attack unions for having lost their militancy and social purpose. Ways rejects this as "malarkey." He hints that perhaps the intellectuals have changed more than the unions have.

Lack of union growth isn't a sign of weakness, Ways believes. Unions have always grown in spurts. Changes in the work force have made union organizing harder — though gains are being made in service industries. Ways says the white collar field is an "area of frustration" for unions because white collar workers have had fringe benefits for years and aren't willing to sacrifice year-round employment to go on strike.

Ways cites the theory of Albert Rees, a University of Chicago economist. Rees says union gains aren't the main cause of inflation. He says the wage "push" on costs becomes inflationary only when wrong policies are pursued elsewhere in the economy.

Unions perform a vital role "by giving workers protection against arbitrary treatment by employers, by acting as their representative in politics, and by reinforcing their hope of continuous gains," Rees observes. This, in turn, helps settle differences within the framework of our democratic, free enterprise system.

Ways tackles so-called union "infringement" upon management rights. It isn't all black and white, he says. Sometimes the rights assumed by unions weren't really exercised by management to start with. For instance, seniority rules were adopted to protect workers from favoritism and arbitrary or random layoffs. But this power was usually exercised by subordinates such as foremen — not by "rational management."

How about featherbedding? Ways points out that unions aren't trying to take over management. They are merely trying to "restrict or cushion change to give the workers a sense that some power over the job is in their hands." By spelling out work rules in black and white, Ways asserts, unions help to stem smoldering worker resentment. And they often swap these "featherbeds" for other gains later.

Most union readers of this article — those who have \$1 to spend on a magazine — will find a few things to quarrel with. For instance, there is a lot more to the problems of white collar organizing and so-called featherbedding than Ways suggests. And some people might argue with his ideas on labor and intellectuals. But the article is basically fair, and maybe it'll help some businessmen to see the light.

'I've Never Had This Sinking Feeling Before'



POLL OF CONTRA COSTA CONGRESSMAN 'WARPED'

The use and validity of the opinion poll of Congressman John F. Baldwin of Contra Costa County has been challenged by Charles R. Weidner, president of the 14th Congressional District Democratic Club and unsuccessful Democratic congressional candidate in the last election.

Weidner reported a sample poll taken by the club's committee produced overwhelming support for President Kennedy's tax cut program and for federal aid to rapid transit, in direct contradiction to the results of a similar poll conducted by the Republican congressman.

CRUTCH TO BACK POSITIONS
"Baldwin uses his warped questionnaire as a crutch to excuse his weak position on many national issues," Weidner charged.

"Most Democrats recognize the Baldwin poll for what it is — a partisan political tool subsidized by the taxpayer through the mail franking privilege of the incumbent congressmen. For that reason most Democrats consider the questionnaire as 'junk mail' and deposit it in the wastebasket with other junk mail."

Weidner added:

"It is obvious to all persons familiar with polling techniques that weighted questions result in weighted answers."

Charging that Baldwin's questionnaire is "phony," Weidner said:

"We do not contend that the results of our sample poll are completely reliable. We do contend that they are just as reliable, and considerably more honest than the results of the Republican congressman's poll."

A committee of the 14th Congressional District Democratic Club polled a random sample of voters taken from mid-county precinct lists. They sent questionnaires to 120 registered Democrats and 80 registered Republicans in accordance with the overall voter registration in the district.

Completed questionnaires were received from 33.3 per cent of the Democrats and 33.8 per cent of the Republicans. Of the four questions asked on the questionnaire, two were on issues polled by Baldwin.

TAX CUT PROGRAM

On the question of President Kennedy's tax cut program, voters were asked to express their opinion in light of the President's objective of reducing unemployment. Of those responding, 64.2 per cent favored

the tax cut; 23.9 per cent were opposed, and 11.9 per cent were undecided. Both Republicans and Democrats favored the program, but Republicans responded with 51.9 per cent "yes" votes, against 72.5 per cent "yes" votes by the Democrats.

A question on this same subject by Baldwin, which emphasized the amount of the federal deficit, resulted in 39.7 per cent favoring a tax cut; 52.7 per cent opposing a cut, and 7.6 per cent undecided.

FEDERAL TRANSIT AID

The second question in the Democratic club's questionnaire dealt with federal aid to local rapid transit districts and pointed out the benefit of such aid to Contra Costa County property taxpayers.

The response was 74.6 per cent for federal aid to rapid transit; 20.9 per cent against, and 4.5 per cent undecided. Democrats favored this position, with 82.5 per cent voting "yes." Republicans responded with a 63.0 per cent "yes" vote.

Baldwin did not mention the effect in Contra Costa County of federal aid to rapid transit. He indicated that it was a new program for the federal government. The Baldwin results were 22.3 per cent in favor of federal aid to rapid transit; 69.8 per cent against, and 7.9 per cent undecided.

In commenting on the different results in the two polls, Weidner pointed out that the two Baldwin questions were worded in a negative way while the Democratic club poll stated the questions positively.

"When voters are given the real reasons for proposed legislation," Weidner said "they indicate their support very strongly. In a really valid sampling of voter attitude, both sides of a question should be clearly stated."

OTHER POLL QUESTIONS

On the other two questions asked by the club poll, 79.1 per cent of those responding favored the President's youth opportunities program of meeting the unemployment problem among America's youth. On the question of federal assistance to renters displaced under the Federal highway program, 44.8 per cent favored such aid.

A request was made to Representative Baldwin by Weidner, and supported by the club, that Baldwin reveal how many questionnaires he circulates and how many answers he receives.

Additional polls are under consideration by the club.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em...
We Run 'Em!

WHY DON'T WE END USURY IN CALIF.?

Editor, Labor Journal:

I have been among the unemployed for the past few weeks and during that time have tried to do something that has been on my mind for a long time, i.e., read the Constitution of the State of California with one objective in mind: find out why the debt merchants of this state are allowed to make this a state of indentured debtors by charging the people interest that is unquestionably usurious.

At long last I have finished, and I am enclosing everything I was able to find re: interest and what might be done about a sorry situation. Am hoping that you can use the enclosed clippings as a basis for another of your editorials.

I know that the labor movement in this state has always fought for lower interest rates, but it seems to me that not nearly enough has or is being done. Governor Brown has gone on record by saying that he is opposed to the present setup, and it seems to me that labor should go all out to hold him to his word. Labor could take the lead in seeing that the people of this state are given a chance to vote their convictions at the next election, and I for one believe that the cost of sponsoring a proposition to outlaw usury once and for all would be paid back a billion fold.

By the way, if you can read the gobbledegook in Section 22 without becoming sick, let me know and I'll buy the drinks. This is hypocrisy if ever I've seen it.

HARRY M. THOMSON
Member, Carpenters 36

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HUTCHINS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Most of what "from the Editor's Chair" had to say on May 3 about Robert Maynard Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago, was accurate. However, as a graduate of that school during the Hutchins regime, I should point out that (1) he didn't abolish course credits (we had one year sequence courses, for which we got credit); (2) Hutchins didn't abolish athletics (we played more intramural sports than any Big Ten university); he didn't do away with "most exams" (we took one 6 hour exam in college sequence courses when we were ready to). It was tough fun all the way, fun of the mind, without snobbery.

Perhaps I should add that although Hutchins strived to make U. Chicago "independent," I learned more there about the greatness of labor's contribution to making us into a fully free society than at other universities I've attended.

Hutchins was indeed "the most dangerous man in American education." He believed in criticism and controversy; he never wavered in his defense of free thought. You could disagree strongly with him because he invited it. He never tried to pull the wraps over a discussion merely because it was "controversial." Nowhere else today do I see Hutchins' firm belief in free discussion than in the labor movement.

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Corn cannot expect justice in a court whose judges are chickens. — African proverb quoted by Ralph Bunche.